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Feast of St. Michael the Archangel

In support of Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò

An open letter from JAHLF

An open letter from the John Paul II Academy for Human Life and the Family in support of Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò to Pope Francis and to all the Cardinals, Bishops, priests, religious and lay members of the Holy Catholic Church and to all men and women of good will.

We wish to express our profound support for the courage, true charity and faithfulness to Peter, and of the clarity and heroic deed of archbishop Viganò's revelation of such very sad facts in the service of truth. As Archbishop Viganò stated in his second message, published and dated Sept. 29, 2018, the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, any secret short of the confessional secret, but including the Pontifical secret, ceases to impose the obligation to silence as soon as such silence would bring great harm to the Church.

No doubt, having kept silent and keeping silence about crimes committed by former Cardinals, bishops, or priests, crimes that continue to do great harm to the Church and to many souls, crimes which to pass over in silence prevent measures being taken to protect young seminarians, priests, and laypersons from further harm is itself a great crime. It is not the Holy Silence of Jesus in front of Pilate (after he had addressed to Pilate many weighty words), but is an evil silence, a silent pact with the devil. It is a silence that delivers innocent victims to be abused through new crimes, it is a silence that allows priests, bishops, and Cardinals to perform pastoral functions, and functions in the governance of the Church, while they deserve to go to prison and to do penance for their sins, after having been deprived of any functions of deacons, priests, or bishops, as Canon Law prescribes.

The silence some voices demand from Archbishop Viganò is the silence of the bad pastors who flee and deliver their flock to the wolves, instead of resisting them and driving them away through their shouting.

We also support fully Archbishop's Viganò's sincere plea that all those responsible for such silence and cover-ups should be forced to resign, or, better still, to resign freely in accordance with the truth and the voice of their conscience, which reminds them of the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ in Mathew 18:6:

"But whoever shall occasion the fall of one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for him to have a millstone hung round his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea."

May Our Lady, Queen of all Angels and of all Saints and St. Michael the Archangel, wake up our Lord and all those who represent him on earth, and may they move, through their intercession, the Sacred Heart of Jesus that Jesus, true God and true Man, may once again in this present storm, stand up, bless the Church and command silence to the winds and to the turbulent waters of the sea, upon which the ship of the Church runs the risk of capsizing and sinking.

May God Himself give His Holy Bride, the Church, devastated by sinners, true healing and renewal! This is the only hope of Archbishop Viganò, a hope we all share with him. Anyone who claims otherwise and charges Archbishop Viganò with pride, divisiveness, or disrespect for the Pope, slanders him, who is one of those pastors of the Church, who never lies nor protects deadly evils nor lies by a sinful silence.

His Excellency, Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, would do us the greatest honor if he were to accept our most cordial invitation to become a member of the John Paul II Academy for Human Life and The Family. We thank God for the great gift to the Church God has given us through Archbishop Viganò.

The President

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